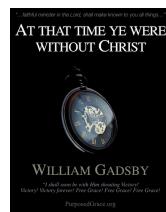


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THINGS THAT ACCOMPANY SALVATION

*“...BELOVED, WE ARE PERSUADED BETTER THINGS OF YOU,
AND THINGS THAT ACCOMPANY SALVATION...” (HEBREWS 6:9)*

Mary mistook Christ for the gardener, John 20:15.—We are very apt to mistake our graces for our Saviour. Some put their faith in the place of Christ's righteousness. They say, 'We are justified by our faith, and not by the righteousness of Christ.' Others call the graces of the covenant, the conditions of salvation. These are sad mistakes. Hereby the glory of Christ is eclipsed. The sinner's eye is turned from the Saviour to himself. His trust is placed in his graces instead of Christ. He mistakes the things which accompany salvation, for salvation itself. What are the things which accompany salvation? Naturally, we have none of them. We have only the things which accompany damnation. We are no more able to work them in ourselves, than a dead corpse can raise itself to life, or a devil in hell change himself into an angel in heaven. They are the train of graces which ever attend the King of saints. The Saviour brings them, with Himself, into the saved sinner's heart. They are the graces of His Spirit.

1. Faith in Jesus, as a redeeming, justifying, sanctifying Saviour.

2. Repentance towards God, as receiving and pardoning sinners in Christ: hatred of sin, and turning from sin to Christ.

3. Hope; which is as an anchor of the soul, by keeping it steady in the expectation of what the word promises, and faith believes.

4. Love to God, excited by his love to us in Christ.

5. Peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

6. Joy in God, having now received the atonement by faith.

7. Heavenly mindedness, by living on Jesus.

8. Deadness to sin, by the body of Christ.

9. Deadness to the world, being crucified with Christ.

10. Living to holiness, being alive unto God through Jesus Christ. **11.** Love to our brethren and fellow sinners, being passed from death to life. And, to all—the rest, constant dissatisfaction with ourselves, seeing we still are miserable sinners, imperfect creatures, unprofitable servants. We look on nothing within us as our title to glory, but wholly and solely to Jesus. These graces we receive out of His fulness. These are evidences of interest in him, make us meet for heaven, and accompany salvation. For we have fellowship with God, and His Son Jesus Christ. Paul was persuaded of these things concerning his Christian brethren. See then the glorious nature of Christianity. The faith of the gospel, and the hope of salvation, are not empty notions. But “*whom God justified, them He also glorified,*” Romans 8:30. Those whom He adorns with the glorious robes of Christ’s righteousness, He makes glorious with the graces of his Spirit. What God hath joined together let no man put asunder, Matthew 19:6.

[PASTOR] WILLIAM MASON (1724—1797)

BALAAM'S ASS SPOKE THE TRUTH, BUT HE WAS STILL, AN ASS!

“...THOUGH I HAVE THE GIFT OF PROPHECY, AND UNDERSTAND ALL MYSTERIES, AND ALL KNOWLEDGE; AND THOUGH I HAVE ALL FAITH, SO THAT I COULD REMOVE MOUNTAINS, AND HAVE NOT CHARITY, I AM NOTHING.” (1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13)

“I assume that you are Calvinistic in creed, fundamental in faith, and moral in manners or you would not be identified with this people. But has the grace you profess made you gracious? Has the love of God you claim made you a loving, tender and kind person? Has the forgiveness of your sins taught you how to forgive? Has your friendship with ‘that great friend’ taught you how to be a true and loyal friend? Having received the heavenly gifts freely from God's merciful hand, have you learned to give to others freely and generously? You have studied the person and work of Jesus Christ, but '*have you learned Christ?*' The only true evidence that you or anyone has of the fact that you know Christ and have truly been with Christ, is that you demonstrate in attitude and action the ways and will of Christ. Is this not what Paul is saying in 1 Corinthians 13? One may have the orthodoxy and knowledge, and gifts of religion; but if he does not have love, he is nothing! Don't just preach the love of God; demonstrate it! My friends, a contentious, unloving, ungracious person is a stranger to the grace of God; for the grace of God makes men and women gracious and loving in all areas. '*By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*' Balaam's ass spoke the truth, but he was still an ass! Speaking the truth does not necessarily change one: Learning the truth does.”

PASTOR HENRY MAHAN

LOVE FOR CHRIST

"IF ANY MAN LOVE NOT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA MARANATHA [CURSED AT THE JUDGMENT]" (1 CORINTHIANS 16:22)

"If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ..." (1 Corinthians 16:22). I say it with sorrow in my voice, but there are multitudes that have religious feelings and do not love Christ. Salvation is in a Person, who He is, and what He did and why He did what He did. When will you know you are saved? When you love Christ. Who cares about the past or future? It is the present that is crucial —my position in Christ.

Why do we boast of our persons, our positions, our possessions, our gifts, our talents and call attention to these things, when we could be talking about the Christ of God? Paul said, "I am determined to know nothing among you but a hated, despised Redeemer who died on a cross." Christ is my message. If He ever ceases to be my message, I've quit preaching. He said that he determined. Why was he so determined? Because he loved the Lord Jesus Christ.

I've never found anything to talk about that would even approach HIM. I can't find anything more delightful than the love of Christ, and I can't find any place where that love is expressed more fully than at Calvary. His suffering, dying sacrifice is the utmost in thought. Preaching Christ is not our duty but our JOY. Natural men and women get excited and zealous about the doctrines of sovereign grace. But after awhile the luster and beauty of grace grows dim in their eyes, and the glory of substitution is lost. They must seek something new and more profound, something mysterious. Love to Christ never needs more.

What shall be our theme? The doctrine of election? NO, the Christ of election! Whose banner shall we march under? Christ is my Banner. Christ is my Righteousness. Christ is my Shepherd. Christ is my Peace. Christ is my Provider. Christ is my Shield and Buckler. I have found Him whom my soul LOVETH. If I could finish my ministry and depart this world and leave something, it would be CHRIST, CHRIST, CHRIST. Do you love the Lord Jesus Christ?

PASTOR JACK SHANKS (1724–1797)

THINGS THE ANGELS DESIRE TO LOOK INTO

"...THINGS THE ANGELS DESIRE TO LOOK INTO." (1 PETER 1:12)

Just think of it beloved! to sit across from an angel of the LORD in glory (an angel that knows nothing personally or experimentally of the forgiveness of sins and the imputed righteousness of Christ) and be asked with earnest "What is it like to be everlasting loved of God? What is it like to be washed of all your sins in His own blood? What's it like to be undeservedly clothed in His righteousness?" Even now I feel my heart lifted up in adoration for the wisdom of God. Beloved "of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord!" (1 CORINTHIANS 1:30-31) PASTOR